



**Request for City Council Committee Action
From the Department of Public Works**

Date: December 16, 2003
To: Honorable Sandra Colvin Roy, Chair, Transportation & Public Works Committee
Referral to: Honorable Barb Johnson, Chair Ways and Means Committee

**Subject: Residential Parking Program
Parking Study at NE Whittier/Tri-Institutional Area**

Recommendation:

- 1) Receive and File -- Public Works will use the \$1,500 (Ward 6 allotment) from the 2003 Residential Parking Program (7500-943-9464) for the NE Whittier/Tri-Institutional Parking Study.
- 2) Accept funding to complete the parking study from the following:
 - Minneapolis Institute of Arts, \$5,000
 - Children's Theatre Company, \$5,000
 - Minneapolis College of Art and Design, \$5,000
 - Whittier Neighborhood, \$3,500

Previous Directives: Residential Parking Program, Petition 260275, 02/24/1995

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Approved by:

Klara A. Fabry, P.E., City Engineer, Director of Public Works

Presenters in Committee: Jon Wertjes, Asst. Director of Traffic & Parking Services

Financial Impact

- ☒ No financial impact - or - Action is within current department budget.
(If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information)
- ☐ Action requires an appropriation increase to the Capital Budget
- ☐ Action requires an appropriation increase to the Operating Budget
- ☐ Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase
- ☐ Action requires use of contingency or reserves
- ☒ Other financial impact (Explain): **Accept funding**
- ☐ Request provided to the Budget Office when provided to the Committee Coordinator

Background/Supporting Information

The purpose of the entire project is to develop a parking master plan, as requested by the Minneapolis City Council, and to identify and address parking issues important to project stakeholders.

The study area of the project is bound by the farside of Nicollet Avenue on the west, by the farside of Franklin Avenue on the north, by the farside of 4th Avenue South on the east, and the farside of 26th Street East on the south. The study area consists of approximately 20 city blocks.

Stakeholder Steering Committee (SSC)

A committee of individuals has met several times since the beginning of the year to begin the discussion on how to approach dealing with parking issues. The Stakeholder Steering Committee (SSC) will assist in the overall direction of the parking master plan process. The membership of the SSC is as follows:

Dr. Evan Maurer, Minneapolis Institute of Arts
Pat Grazzini, Minneapolis Institute of Arts
Teresa Eyring, Children's Theatre Company
Michael O'Keefe, Minneapolis College of Art and Design
Marian Biehn, Chairperson of the Whittier Alliance Board
Tom George, Co-Chair of the Northeast Whittier Quadrant Task Force
Paula Horan, Co-Chair of the Northeast Whittier Quadrant Task Force
Council Member Dean Zimmermann, Ward 6
Jon Wertjes, Assistant Director of Transportation and Parking Services
Jim Voll, City Planner

Study Issues

Public Works and CPED have met with the Council Member, the neighborhood and the institutions. The Council Member and the neighborhoods have expressed support for the study. To respond to the SSC concerns, a parking study is proposed to collect existing parking use, assess future parking demand, and identify on and off-street locations to address parking needs. The parking study is estimated to cost approximately \$20,000. This parking master plan would be brought back to City Council for further discussion, direction and approvals as needed.

Public Works will hire a professional consultant to prepare the parking master plan for the campus area containing the Minneapolis Institute of Arts (MIA), Children's Theatre Company (CTC), Minneapolis College of Art and Design (MCAD), and the surrounding NE Whittier Neighborhood.

Funding

The Stakeholder Steering Committee has agreed to the following study funding:

Minneapolis Institute of Arts	\$5,000
Children's Theatre Company	\$5,000
Minneapolis College of Art and Design	\$5,000
Whittier Neighborhood	\$3,500
City of Minneapolis	<u>\$1,500</u>
TOTAL	\$20,000

The Residential Parking Program was established to address parking concerns and the issues in the City's residential areas and small business districts outside of the Central Business District. The annual \$150,000 program allocates \$11,500 to each ward. Ward 6 has previously allotted \$10,000 for the Lyndale-Lake Parking District. The remaining \$1,500 Ward 6 allotment is available to be used for the NE Whittier/Tri-Institutional Parking Study.

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